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FOR GARRISON FROM SHINN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

1. WOULD YOU PLEASE JOG EVERYONE TO COMPLETE THE EMPLOYEE QUESTIONNAIRES REFERRED TO IN STATE 218451 AND, IF POSSIBLE, GIVE US SOME INDICATION OF WHEN THEY MIGHT BE EXPECTED BACK HERE.

2. THE AF BUREAU PREPARES A WEEKLY "ISSUES AND DEVELOPMENTS" REPORT TO DICK MOOSE WHICH WE HAVE NOW ARRANGED TO BE POUCHED DIRECTLY TO THE EMBASSY, ADDRESSED TO BOB GERMAN. WE BELIEVE YOU WILL FIND IT USEFUL BOTH FOR ITS INFORMATION AND AS A HANDY REFERENCE FOR EVENTS, DATES, AND SIGNIFICANCE. IT ALSO HAS A SECTION ON UPCOMING ISSUES WHICH YOU WILL FIND HELPFUL.

3. WE ARE UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE FROM CONG. BIAGGI AND
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CLEM ZABLOCKI'S OFFICE CONCERNING TOURIST VISA FOR BOB GRANT, NYC RADIO PERSONALITY. WOULD YOU CHECK AGAIN WITH BULAVIN AT MFA PER MOSCOW 21062 AND TRY TO DETERMINE WHETHER AND WHEN SOVIETS WILL ACT POSITIVELY ON THIS MATTER?

4. IN CONNECTION WITH CODEL RIBICOFF/BELLMON VISIT TO

KIEV, WE WOULD LIKE EMBASSY/KAP THOUGHTS ON VISITING
BABY YAR. WITH ELIMINATION OF TBILISI, CODEL WILL HAVE
48 HOURS IN KIEV, SO WE ASSUME TIME IS SUFFICIENT. HOW
WOULD SOVIETS AND UKRAINIANS REGARD SUCH A VISIT?

5. WE HAVE ANOTHER OPTION FOR YOU TO CONSIDER ON A
REPLACEMENT FOR GEOFF WOLFE, IF THAT IS WHAT YOU WANT TO
DO. WE THINK THAT THE DOOR MAY BE AJAR FOR US TO TRY TO
RUN THROUGH AN 18-MONTH CAREER CANDIDATE ASSIGNMENT, NO
ROTATION. SHERROD RECALLS THAT THE TWO FINE A-100
OFFICERS WE DESCRIBED TO YOU RECENTLY ARE E/C CONE. WE
EXPECT A STRUGGLE, HOWEVER, AND HAVE TO WEIGH WHETHER
THAT COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR POSITION SHOULD WE WANT
TO GO FOR A SECOND JORP IN THE FUTURE. FACTS AT THIS
POINT ARE THAT GEOFF IS OUT UNTIL MARCH; WE CAN PROBABLY
FIND HIM A SOVIET AREA JOB HERE. TRAINING DIVISION WILL
WANT TO HAVE HIM BACK IN THE MOSCOW LOOP ASAP. BUT WILL
ALSO PUT UP SOME RESISTANCE TO PULLING PHOTENHAUER OUT
OF GARMISCH. SORRY TO PRESS YOU, BUT SHERROD WOULD
APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTS BEFORE WADING ANY DEEPER. THE
KIND OF ATTENTION WE ARE GETTING FROM PER MAKES IT
IMPORTANT FOR US TO KNOW PRECISELY WHAT WE WANT TO GET.

6. HEMATOLOGY DELEGATION EARLIER POSTPONED (STATE
205946), AS REPORTED IN HEW WEEKLY TRAVEL ADVISORY, HAS
NOW BEEN PUT BACK ON SCHEDULE WITH FOUR REPLACEMENT
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MEMBERS. FINAL DECISION ON GOING AHEAD WAS TAKEN AFTER
CONSULTATION WITH THE ORIGINAL FOUR WHO DROPPED OUT AND
AFTER HEW CONSULTATIONS WITH THE COMMITTEE OF CONCERNED
SCIENTISTS, WHICH ASSERTED UNDERSTANDING OF THE
RATIONALE FOR PROCEEDING. ORIGINAL FOUR ALSO INDICATED
THEY STILL WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM AT SOME
FUTURE TIME, SO CURRENT MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ASKED NOT TO
RAISE THEIR EARLIER POSITIONS WITH THE SOVIETS. DELEGA-
TION LEADER, DR. WOLF ZUELZER, HAS BEEN ASKED BY HEW TO
CONTACT EMBASSY ON ARRIVAL.
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